

REMARKS

On page 3 of the Office Action of May 20, 2002, the Examiner objected to claims 7-10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 1). The Examiner continued by noting that claims 7-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 depends directly from claim 1. Claims 8-10 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 7. Thus, Applicant has rewritten claim 7 in independent form, including all of the limitations of claim 1. No new matter was added. As a dependent claim is presumed to include the limitations of the base claim, Applicant also believes that the amendment does not narrow the scope of protection or the availability of equivalents afforded to amended claim 7 as compared to claim 7 as originally submitted. Applicant submits that the aforementioned amendment places claim 7 and claims 8-10, dependent, directly or indirectly, from claim 7, in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."** A Request for a Two Month Extension of Time and associated fee is enclosed herewith. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are due, but authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiencies or refund overpayments to Deposit Account No. 18-1215.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Amend claim 7 to read as follows:

7. (Amended) A golf practice and exercise device for use with a golf club, comprising a frame member having a base portion for supporting the device on a floor or ground, said frame member extending upwardly from the base member and having an outwardly extending mounting arm, and an object swingably suspended from said mounting arm with at least a portion of said object adjacent the floor or ground in position to be struck by a golf clubhead during a normal swing of a golf club, said object having a golf clubhead impact surface of a size at least that of the corresponding surface of a softball to provide a large target so that the golfer can swing a golf club freely without concentration on striking the small target of a golf ball, said object being of a mass at least that of a softball to provide substantial resistance to the impact of a golf club to impose muscular strain on the golfer for muscle development but being limited in mass to allow the head of a golf club to swing the object sufficiently for the golf clubhead to ultimately pass under the object and allow the golfer to complete the follow-through of the golf swing, wherein [A golf practice and exercise device according to claim 1 in which] said object is substantially the same as a teardrop-shaped punching bag.